

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mary Meyer, after 35 ½ years of steering state government in the paths of righteousness, has decided to retire and take up steering Darwin in the path of righteousness; and,

Whereas, Mary, while working for state government, has suffered untold tortures because she was unable to say exactly what she thought, when she thought it, and she will, in the future, be able to express herself openly and often; and,

Whereas, Mary's retirement leaves so many responsibilities to assign, such as who will keep things lively on the Telecommunications systems working road trips, who will inject excitement and a tad bit of controversy in FPT meetings, who will challenge managers in such a way as to maintain a healthy blood pressure, who will evidence that special disgust over dirty coffee pots in the office, who will have the biggest smirk at longevity pay time, and who will turn the lights on and off in the office; and,

Whereas, Mary has lived through the government alphabet game for years, working for BOA, CDP, IS, IPS, BIT, VOICE, FPT, TELE, and has been able to not only adapt, but survive; and,

Whereas, Mary, by example, has always shown what dedication, reliability, caring and hard work mean in state government, disproving the often held public perception that state workers are lazy, have a short work week, and too much time off; and,

Whereas, Mary has shown that hard work and dedication do "pay off", having started at the lower rung of the ladder and having, before retirement, risen to a position of management and responsibility; and,

Whereas, Mary has always tried to achieve the near impossible, juggling work orders in fifteen locations, maintaining high levels of service during low levels of politics, and working with thousands of users, hundreds of whom knew and proclaimed their importance; and,

Whereas, Mary will be missed, her old-fashioned work ethics were a treasure, her caring special, her pods and goads necessary, and her years of service as a model for those who work for state government in years to come; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her many friends and colleagues in offering Mary best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

